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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In association with the June 1981 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia, questions were asked of persons who had been recently looking for work. Information sought includes difficulties in finding a job; educational attainment; steps taken to find work; whether they had had offers of employment and particulars of last job, if any. Results of similar surveys, the first conducted in 1976, have been published in previous issues of this publication.

2. Information was also collected on the family relationships within households. This publication therefore also includes some unemployment statistics relating to families. For more statistics about families see *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia, June 1981* (6224.0).

3. During the two weeks beginning Monday 8 June 1981, carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers asked questions of those of the 68,000 respondents in the June monthly labour force survey who fell within the scope of this survey.

Scope

4. Questions were asked of all persons aged fifteen years and over who had been recently looking for work except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- (c) dependants of non-Australian defence forces personnel stationed in Australia, and
- (d) students boarding at school, persons permanently unable to work, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of reformatories, jails, etc.

Definitions

5. *Active steps to find work* include checking or registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service or other employment agencies; contacting prospective employers (i.e. writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer); answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; advertising or tendering for work; contacting friends or relatives and looking on factory or employment service notice boards.

6. For this survey *persons looking for work* are defined as all persons aged 15 years and over within the scope of the survey who were not employed during the survey week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:

- (a) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
- (b) are waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then.

7. The number of persons looking for work differs from the number of *unemployed persons* published in *The Labour Force, Australia, June 1981* (6203.0) in that the latter *includes* persons who are waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they have been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown. (While these 7,800 persons are excluded from Tables 1 to 28, subject to paragraphs 14 to 18 they are included as unemployed in Tables 29 to 34 which relate to families.) Furthermore, for a small number of persons classified as unemployed in the labour force survey the additional information necessary for this survey could not be obtained. Although the estimation procedures take account of this, estimates for some characteristics are affected.

8. *Persons with a post-school qualification* are those who have left school and answer 'Yes' to the question: 'Since leaving school have you obtained a certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification?'

9. *Classification of post-school qualifications.* Respondents indicate which one of the following groups best describes their highest qualification:

- (a) *Degree or equivalent:* a bachelor degree (including honours), a graduate or post-graduate diploma, a masters degree or a doctorate.
- (b) *Trade, technical:* completion of an approved trade/technician apprenticeship or training course, other certificate or diploma in secretarial or business studies, administration, teaching, nursing, etc.
- (c) *Other:* completion of other post-secondary education e.g. adult education, preparatory/bridging course or hobby course.

10. *State capital cities* refers to the 1976 Population Census Capital City Statistical Divisions in the six States.

11. *Duration of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration.

12. *Average (mean) duration* is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

13. *Median duration* is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other, persons whose duration is below it. Medians are calculated from group data, linear interpolation being used within the group which contains the median.

Marital status

14. In the labour force survey, persons are classified as *married* or *not married*. The former category includes persons who are separated, while the latter category includes persons who, at the time of the survey, had never married, or were widowed, or divorced. This definition applies to Tables 1 to 26. However for the purpose of family tables (Tables 27 to 34) a person who is separated has no spouse present and so is defined as not married. Note also that the marital status to which a person is assigned depends upon the information given by the respondent, and does not necessarily reflect legal status (e.g. defacto relationships are recorded as 'married').

Family relationships

15. A *family* is generally defined to consist of two or more persons *usually resident* in the same household at the time of the survey, comprising the family head and spouse (if any) and any persons having any of the following relationships to them:

- (a) sons or daughters of any age, if not married and with no children of their own present;
- (b) brothers or sisters, if not married and not accompanied by parents, nor with children of their own present;
- (c) grandchildren, if not married and not accompanied by either of their parents, nor with children of their own present;
- (d) ancestors, if not married and not accompanied by children under 15 years of age of their own; or
- (e) any children under 15 years of age not accompanied by a parent, unless the children are related to some person in a second family in the household.

16. The following points should be noted in relation to the definition of a family in the previous paragraph:

- (a) visitors to a household are persons who are not considered to be usually resident in the household. Regardless of relationship, they are not combined with usual residents to form families. Visitors who usually reside together as a separate household are treated as a separate family in accordance with paragraph 15.
- (b) the term *relationship* includes relationships by blood, marriage or adoption;
- (c) a family, as defined, can contain no more than two married persons, and can contain two married persons only if these persons are husband and wife (referred to as *married couple families*).
- (d) *Other families* are families other than married couple families as defined above. In addition to single-parent families, this category includes families in which the head is not a parent, for example a family head living with a brother or sister.
- (e) Persons are defined as *not a member of a family* if they are living alone (as defined in paragraph 18) or they are not related to any other member of the household in which they are living.

17. *Dependent children* comprise all family members under 15 years of age and all family members aged 15 to 20 years who are full-time students.

18. A person is considered to be *living alone* if he or she is the sole member of a household. Thus, a person who is the sole occupant of a self-contained flat attached to another dwelling is considered to be living alone.

Reliability of the estimates

19. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) *sampling error*: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. More information on this topic is given in the Technical note.
- (b) *non-sampling error*: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

Related publications

20. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, June 1981 (6224.0)

Labour Force Experience During the Period February 1980 to February 1981, Australia (6206.0)

Persons Not in the Labour Force, September 1981 (6220.0).

21. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See Technical note.

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22. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

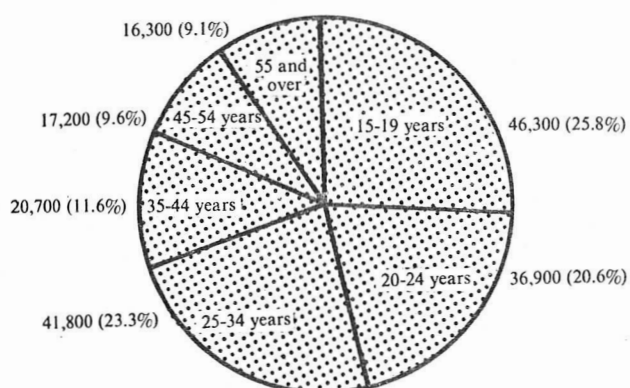
Over 50 per cent of persons looking for work are under 25 years of age and there is a steady decline in the number of persons seeking work as age increases. Duration of unemployment shows the opposite trend. It generally increases with increasing age. Thus long term unemployment is a much greater problem for older persons where average duration of unemployment for those aged over 45 is around 60 weeks compared with between 20 and 30 weeks for those aged 15 to 19.

These trends reflect some basic characteristics of the labour market. High unemployment rates typify groups which include large numbers of persons entering the workforce for the first time. Long durations of unemployment indicate the unsuccessful job search of persons whose ability to meet changing labour market requirements is limited.

DIAGRAM 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK BY AGE, JUNE 1981

(Data from Table 2)

MALES (179,200)



FEMALES (163,200)

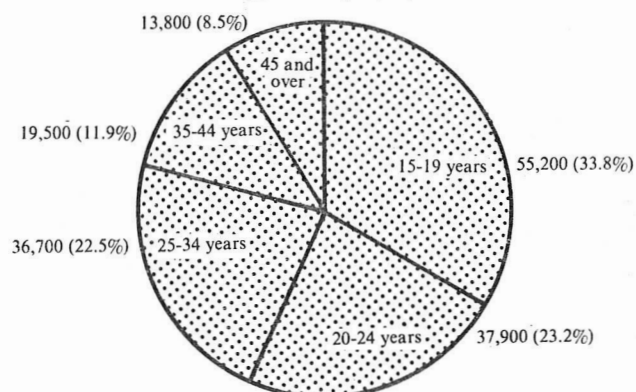
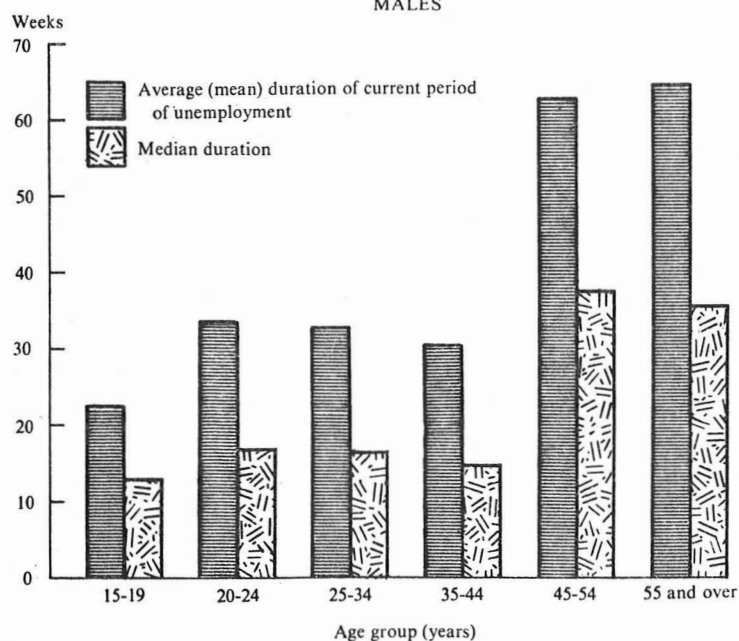


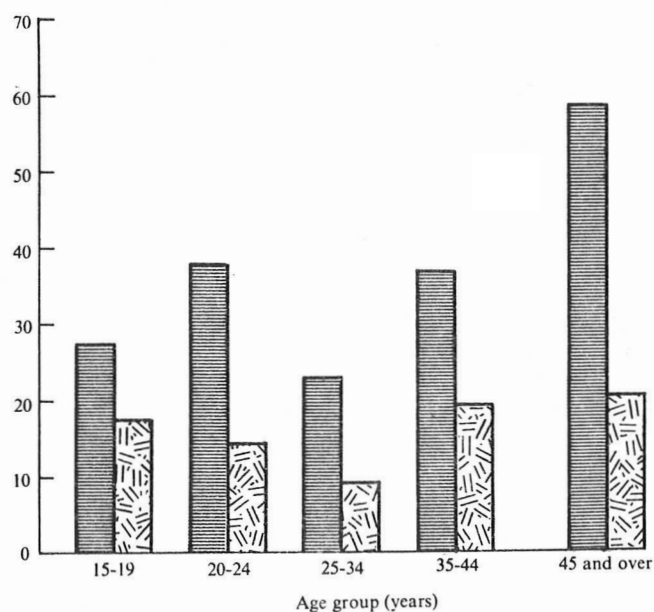
DIAGRAM 2. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE, JUNE 1981

(Data from Table 2)

MALES



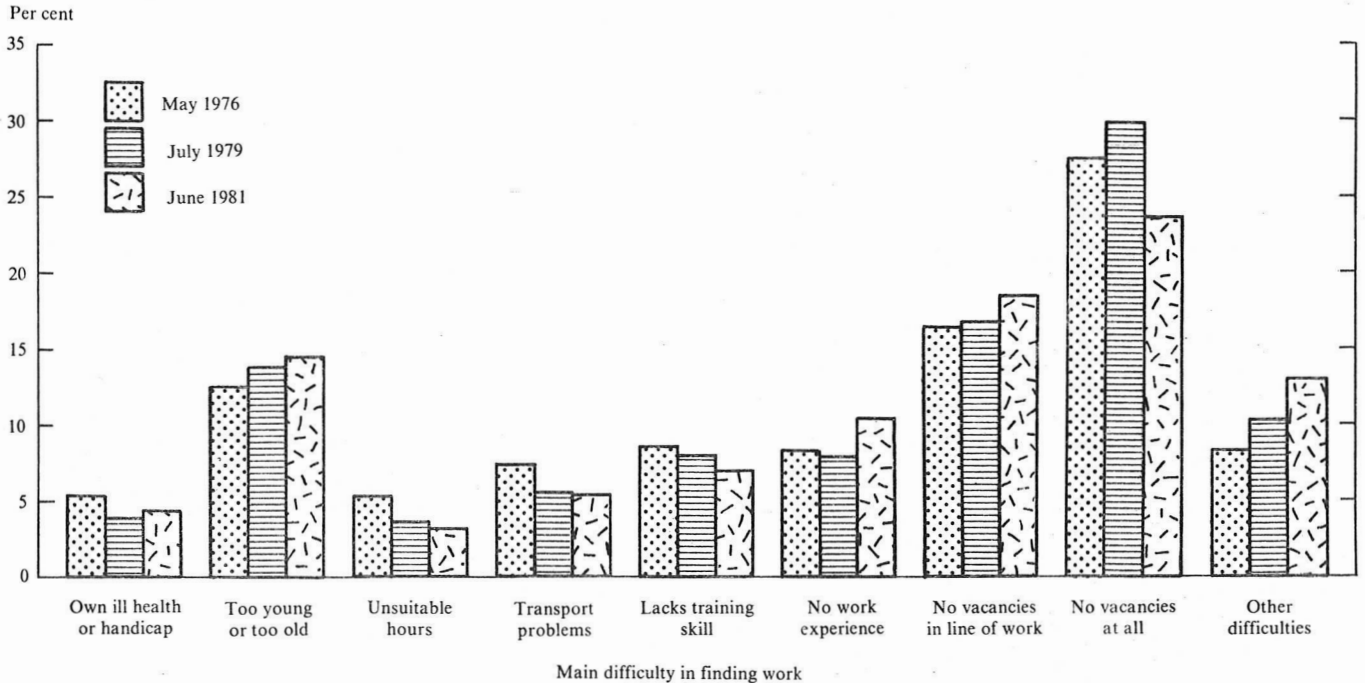
FEMALES



The most commonly reported difficulty in finding work relates to the lack of available jobs. In July 1981, 42 per cent of persons looking for work reported as their main difficulty that they have been unable to find work either because there are no vacancies in their line of work or because there are no vacancies at all. As illustrated below the difficulties reported show little variation over time.

DIAGRAM 3. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK—MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK

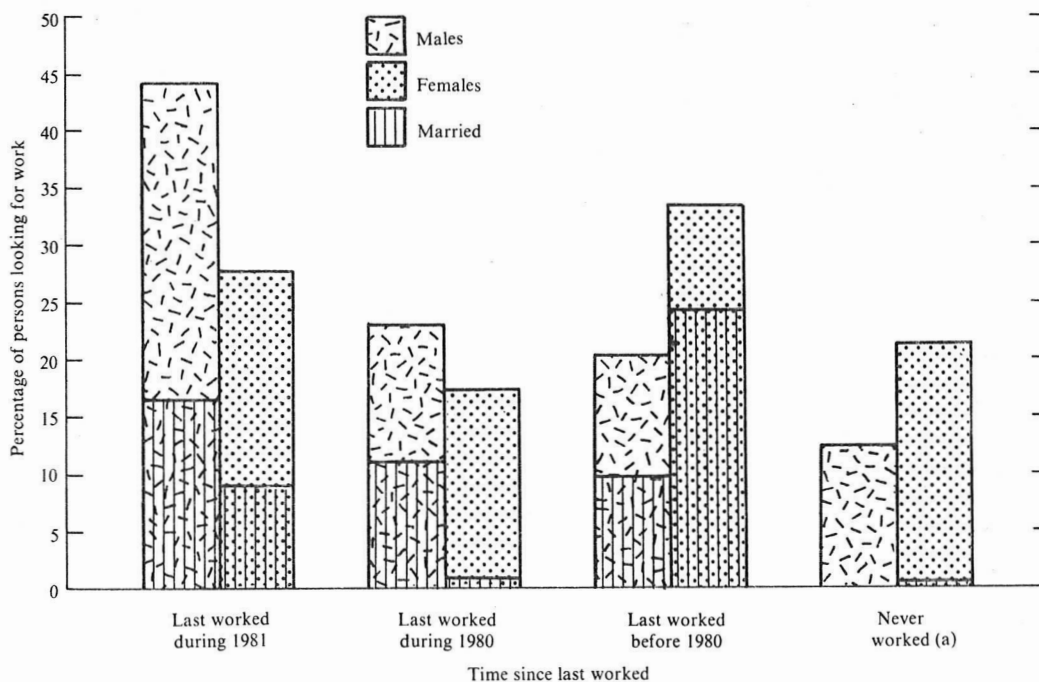
(Data from Table 16)



The majority of persons looking for work have had some work experience in the last 18 months. However the overall patterns differ for males and females. For males, approximately two thirds have worked in the last 18 months whereas for females more than half have never worked or have last worked more than 18 months ago, reflecting the effect of family commitment on their work patterns.

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK—TIME SINCE LAST WORKED

(Data from Table 22)

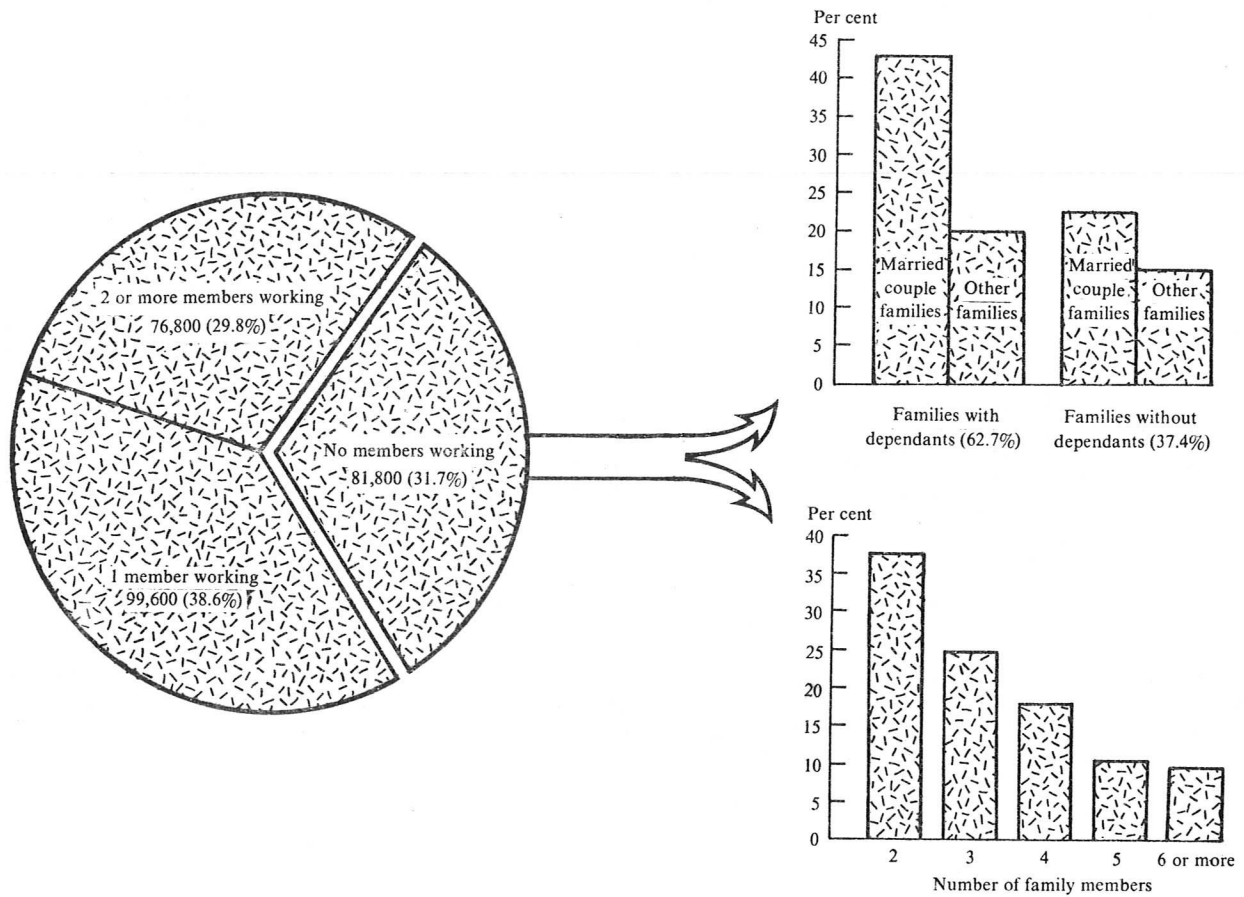


(a) Although not shown separately, the small number of married males who never worked is included in the proportion of all males who never worked.

Diagram 5 focuses on the 258,000 families which have one or more of their members unemployed. 31.7 per cent of these families do not have any members in employment. It is notable that 37.8 per cent of these 81,800 families (or 12 per cent of all families with one or more members unemployed) have 4 or more members to support.

DIAGRAM 5. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1981

(Data from Tables 29 and 31)



**TABLE 1. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES,
STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1981**

	Duration of current period of unemployment										Total	Average duration	Median duration
	Less than one year (weeks)						1 and under 2 years	2 and under 3 years	3 years and over				
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	Total				Average duration			
	—' 000—					weeks		—' 000—			—weeks—		
New South Wales	19.0	14.4	12.2	17.1	12.9	75.6	12.5	10.5	7.2	5.7	98.9	38.2	16.0
Sydney	14.7	9.5	7.8	10.4	7.6	49.9	11.6	4.9	3.9	*	60.9	32.5	12.0
Victoria	18.6	14.0	9.0	18.0	17.2	76.8	13.7	8.9	3.9	3.7	93.4	30.4	16.6
Melbourne	12.0	10.1	5.5	13.5	11.8	53.0	13.8	6.6	3.5	*	65.2	31.0	17.8
Queensland	13.9	7.0	7.8	9.3	8.5	46.5	12.6	4.2	*	*	54.0	25.7	11.9
Brisbane	6.3	3.6	3.9	4.5	3.8	22.1	12.5	*	*	*	26.0	27.8	11.9
South Australia	4.7	5.6	4.5	8.3	7.6	30.5	15.4	5.3	3.5	4.2	43.6	48.5	24.1
Adelaide	3.8	4.7	3.0	6.8	5.7	24.0	15.3	4.1	3.2	3.6	34.8	50.0	24.5
Western Australia	6.1	5.3	3.3	6.7	4.1	25.6	12.7	2.9	2.0	*	31.2	27.9	14.5
Perth	4.2	4.1	2.5	5.4	3.0	19.1	12.8	2.1	*	*	23.2	28.1	14.9
Tasmania	1.5	1.3	*	1.7	2.7	8.0	16.5	1.8	*	*	11.3	43.2	27.9
Hobart	*	*	*	1.1	1.1	3.9	15.7	*	*	*	5.1	34.0	23.5
Northern Territory	2.0	*	*	*	*	3.9	9.5	*	*	*	4.3	13.0	5.6
Australian Capital Territory	*	1.6		1.6	*	5.1	16.2	*	*	*	5.9	26.1	18.5
Australia	66.5	48.8	39.2	63.2	54.4	272.1	13.4	34.3	19.3	16.7	342.4	34.1	16.4
Six State capital cities	41.7	32.6	23.1	41.6	33.0	172.0	13.2	20.5	13.0	9.8	215.2	33.9	16.2
Other areas	24.8	16.2	16.1	21.6	21.4	100.2	13.7	13.9	6.2	7.0	127.2	34.6	16.9

TABLE 2. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE,
JUNE 1981

Age group (years)	Duration of current period of unemployment												Total	Average duration	Median duration		
	Less than one year (weeks)					Total	Average duration	1 and under 2 years	2 and under 3 years	3 years and over							
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52												
	— '000—										weeks	— '000—				—weeks—	
	MALES																
15-19	8.7	7.8	6.9	9.8	8.3	41.5	13.8	4.1	*	*	46.3	22.2	12.8				
20-24	7.8	4.9	3.5	8.1	5.1	29.3	12.5	3.7	*	*	36.9	33.5	16.7				
25-34	7.4	6.0	5.2	8.8	5.7	33.3	12.8	3.6	*	*	41.8	32.7	16.2				
35-44	4.3	*	3.1	3.0	3.6	16.5	13.8	3.8	*	*	20.7	30.3	14.9				
45-54	3.7	*	*	*	3.5	9.8	17.7	3.5	*	*	17.2	62.9	37.5				
55 and over	3.7	*	*	*	*	9.2	15.4	*	4.4	*	16.3	64.3	35.5				
Total	32.0	24.7	20.9	33.0	28.9	139.6	13.7	18.6	11.0	10.1	179.2	35.7	17.7				
FEMALES																	
15-19	8.9	8.6	5.9	11.5	10.5	45.5	14.5	6.6	*	*	55.2	27.4	17.7				
20-24	8.8	5.5	4.1	5.8	5.7	29.9	12.4	3.0	*	*	37.9	37.9	14.2				
25-34	11.0	6.1	4.5	6.5	4.8	32.9	11.0	3.1	*	*	36.7	23.0	9.4				
35-44	5.8	*	*	3.3	3.1	14.5	14.1	4.1	*	*	19.5	36.9	19.4				
45 and over	3.8	*	*	3.1	*	9.7	13.4	*	3.1	*	13.8	58.5	20.5				
Total	34.5	24.1	18.3	30.2	25.5	132.6	13.1	15.8	8.2	6.7	163.2	32.5	15.1				
PERSONS																	
15-19	17.6	16.4	12.8	21.4	18.8	87.0	14.2	9.1	4.0	*	101.5	25.0	15.4				
20-24	16.6	10.4	7.7	13.9	10.8	59.3	12.4	6.6	4.6	4.5	74.9	35.7	15.6				
25-34	18.4	12.1	9.7	15.4	10.5	66.2	11.9	6.1	3.2	3.0	78.5	28.2	12.4				
35-44	7.2	5.4	5.4	6.3	6.6	31.0	13.9	5.3	*	*	40.2	33.5	17.2				
45-54	3.7	*	*	4.4	4.6	17.9	15.9	4.5	*	3.6	28.8	61.6	30.4				
55 and over	3.0	*	3.1	3.1	3.1	10.8	14.9	*	5.0	*	18.6	61.4	34.1				
Total	66.5	48.8	39.2	63.2	54.4	272.1	13.4	34.3	19.3	16.7	342.4	34.1	16.4				

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TABLE 3. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JUNE 1981
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	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)								
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over	Total	Average duration	Median duration
	— ' 000—							—weeks—	
<i>Looking for full-time work—</i>									
State capital cities									
Males	17.3	14.9	11.6	18.5	17.5	25.6	105.5	38.3	19.2
Females	14.7	11.8	7.1	13.5	11.2	13.8	72.1	33.3	15.3
Persons	32.1	26.7	18.7	32.0	28.6	39.4	177.6	36.3	17.6
Other areas									
Males	11.2	8.5	8.0	10.5	10.4	13.2	61.8	34.6	17.0
Females	7.5	4.1	6.0	8.3	10.3	11.7	47.8	40.4	22.9
Persons	18.7	12.6	14.0	18.8	20.7	24.9	109.6	37.1	19.6
Total									
Males	28.5	23.4	19.6	29.0	27.9	38.8	167.3	37.0	18.4
Females	22.3	15.9	13.1	21.7	21.4	25.5	119.9	36.1	18.2
Persons	50.8	39.3	32.7	50.8	49.4	64.3	287.2	36.6	18.3
<i>Looking for part-time work—</i>									
State capital cities									
Males	*	*	*	3.0	*	*	8.4	19.1	14.7
Females	7.6	5.1	3.4	6.5	3.5	3.2	29.3	23.5	10.9
Persons	9.6	5.9	4.3	9.6	4.4	3.9	37.6	22.5	11.8
Other areas									
Males	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.6	13.2	6.6
Females	4.7	3.1	*	*	*	*	14.0	19.8	7.0
Persons	6.2	3.6	*	*	*	*	17.6	18.5	6.9
Total									
Males	3.5	*	*	3.9	*	*	12.0	17.4	12.3
Females	12.2	8.2	5.1	8.5	4.1	5.2	43.3	22.3	9.2
Persons	15.8	9.5	6.4	12.4	5.1	6.0	55.2	21.2	9.8
Total	66.5	48.8	39.2	63.2	54.4	70.3	342.4	34.1	16.4

TABLE 4. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JUNE 1981

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)						Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	— ' 000—							—weeks—	
With post-school qualifications(a)	21.4	12.4	7.4	13.3	11.5	11.0	77.0	25.5	11.2
Degree or equivalent	*	*	3.3		*	*	9.4	18.0	9.6
Trade, technical level	18.0	10.6	5.6	11.1	9.4	9.8	64.6	26.1	11.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	38.8	32.9	29.3	45.0	40.7	58.8	245.4	38.6	19.3
Attended highest level of secondary school available	7.8	4.8	4.8	8.7	4.9	6.0	37.1	31.3	14.7
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—									
18 years or over	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.1	40.7	24.9
16 or 17 years	11.9	10.8	8.0	13.1	11.4	15.4	70.5	34.8	17.6
14 or 15 years	17.0	14.9	12.9	19.5	19.3	29.1	112.7	41.4	20.7
13 years or under	*	*	5.3		3.0	6.7	17.8	51.5	28.0
Total	30.7	28.2	24.2	36.1	35.3	52.6	207.1	40.0	20.4
Still at school	6.4	3.5	*	4.9	*	*	20.0	12.3	8.3
Total	66.5	48.8	39.2	63.2	54.4	70.3	342.4	34.1	16.4

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education.

TABLE 5. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND AGE, JUNE 1981
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Educational attainment	Age group (years)				Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES					
With post-school qualifications(a)	*	9.6	11.4	16.3	39.2
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	6.4
Trade, technical level	*	7.3	8.1	14.5	31.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	36.3	27.4	30.4	37.9	132.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	4.4	5.5	6.1	4.1	20.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—					
16 or 17 years	15.0	8.4	8.0	4.0	35.3
14 or 15 years	16.4	12.1	11.9	20.2	60.5
13 years or under	*	*	3.3	7.7	12.3
Total(c)	31.9	21.7	24.1	33.5	111.1
Still at school	8.1	*	*	*	8.1
Total	46.3	36.9	41.8	54.2	179.2
FEMALES					
With post-school qualifications(a)	7.0	9.5	12.4	9.0	37.8
Degree or equivalent	*	*	*	*	3.0
Trade, technical level	6.6	8.6	9.9	8.1	33.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	36.3	28.5	24.3	24.3	113.5
Attended highest level of secondary school available	5.0	6.8	3.6	*	17.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—					
16 or 17 years	14.6	9.3	8.0	3.3	35.2
14 or 15 years	16.1	10.8	10.9	14.4	52.2
13 years or under	*	*	*	3.8	5.5
Total(c)	31.3	21.7	20.7	22.2	96.0
Still at school	11.9	*	*	*	11.9
Total	55.2	37.9	36.7	33.3	163.2
PERSONS					
With post-school qualifications(a)	8.9	19.0	23.8	25.3	77.0
Degree or equivalent	*	*	4.6	*	9.4
Trade, technical level	8.0	16.0	18.0	22.6	64.6
Without post-school qualifications(b)	72.6	55.9	54.7	62.2	245.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	9.4	12.3	9.6	5.7	37.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—					
16 or 17 years	29.6	17.7	16.0	7.2	70.5
14 or 15 years	32.5	22.8	22.8	34.6	112.7
13 years or under	*	*	4.4	11.5	17.8
Total(c)	63.2	43.4	44.8	55.7	207.1
Still at school	20.0	*	*	*	20.0
Total	101.5	74.9	78.5	87.5	342.4

(a) Includes a small number of persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes a small number of persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school aged 18 years or over.

TABLE 6. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK: NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JUNE 1981
(^{' 000})

Educational attainment	Males		Females		Persons			Total
	Number of job offers		Number of job offers		Number of job offers			
	None	One or more	None	One or more	None	One	Two or more	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES								
With post-school qualifications(a)	19.9	5.5	19.6	5.1	39.5	7.7	*	50.0
Degree or equivalent	3.7	*	*	*	5.9	*	*	7.2
Trade, technical level	15.7	4.2	16.4	4.9	32.1	6.6	*	41.2
Without post-school qualifications(b)	71.2	12.0	58.1	12.7	129.3	17.0	7.8	154.0
Attended highest level of secondary school available	12.7	*	9.6	*	22.3	*	*	26.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—								
16 or 17 years	16.9	*	13.7	4.6	30.6	4.9	*	38.1
14 or 15 years	31.3	5.5	28.4	5.6	59.7	7.8	3.3	70.8
13 years or under	7.5	*	4.0	*	11.5	*	*	13.1
Total(c)	57.9	9.8	48.1	11.2	106.0	14.3	6.7	126.9
Still at school	5.2	*	5.5	*	10.7	*	*	11.2
Total	96.4	17.5	83.1	18.2	179.5	25.2	10.5	215.2
OTHER AREAS								
With post-school qualifications(a)	9.6	4.2	9.5	3.7	19.2	5.5	*	27.1
Trade, technical level	8.1	3.3	8.4	3.6	16.5	4.8	*	23.4
Without post-school qualifications(b)	40.9	7.8	37.8	4.8	78.7	8.3	4.4	91.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	4.5	*	4.8	*	9.4	*	*	11.0
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—								
16 or 17 years	13.4	*	15.1	*	28.5	*	*	32.4
14 or 15 years	19.2	4.5	16.5	*	35.6	3.7	*	41.9
13 years or under	*	*	*	*	3.8	*	*	4.7
Total(c)	36.1	7.3	33.0	3.7	69.1	6.7	4.4	80.2
Still at school	*	*	5.3	*	8.0	*	*	8.8
Total	53.2	12.2	52.7	9.2	105.8	14.6	6.8	127.2
TOTAL								
With post-school qualifications(a)	29.6	9.7	29.1	8.7	58.6	13.2	5.2	77.0
Degree or equivalent	4.3	*	*	*	7.2	*	*	9.4
Trade, technical level	23.8	7.6	24.7	8.2	48.5	11.3	4.7	64.6
Without post-school qualifications(b)	112.1	19.9	95.9	17.6	208.0	25.3	12.1	245.4
Attended highest level of secondary school available	17.3	*	14.4	*	31.7	4.3	*	37.1
Did not attend highest level of secondary school and left at age—								
16 or 17 years	30.3	5.0	28.8	6.4	59.1	7.3	4.1	70.5
14 or 15 years	50.4	10.1	44.9	7.3	95.3	11.6	5.8	112.7
13 years or under	10.3	*	5.0	*	15.3	*	*	17.8
Total(c)	94.1	17.1	81.0	14.9	175.1	21.0	11.1	207.1
Still at school	7.9	*	10.8	*	18.7	*	*	20.0
Total	149.5	29.7	135.8	27.4	285.3	39.8	17.3	342.4

(a) Includes persons with other post-school qualifications. (b) Includes persons with no formal education. (c) Includes persons who left school at 18 years or over who did not attend the highest level available.

**TABLE 7. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT DURING
CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1981**
(' 000)

<i>Number of job offers</i>	<i>Males</i>			<i>Females</i>			<i>Persons</i>		
	<i>State capital cities</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>State capital cities</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>State capital cities</i>	<i>Other areas</i>	<i>Total</i>
None	96.4	53.2	149.5	83.1	52.7	135.8	179.5	105.8	285.3
1	11.5	6.7	18.2	13.7	7.9	21.6	25.2	14.6	39.8
2 or more	6.0	5.5	11.5	4.6	*	5.9	10.5	6.8	17.3
Total	113.8	65.4	179.2	101.3	61.9	163.2	215.2	127.2	342.4

**TABLE 8. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE OR
INTRASTATE AND AGE, JUNE 1981**
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	Age group (years)						State capital cities	Other areas	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
INTERSTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job—									
Would move interstate	23.3	24.1	16.2	8.7	4.1	*	46.5	32.2	78.8
Would not move interstate	67.8	40.0	51.7	28.7	22.8	13.9	145.6	79.4	225.0
Moving interstate would depend on certain conditions(a)	8.0	9.0	8.6	3.6		*	18.1	12.7	30.8
Job conditions	4.1	4.8	3.2	*	*	*	9.7	4.4	14.1
Undecided	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.0	*	7.9
Total	101.5	74.9	78.5	40.2	28.8	18.6	215.2	127.3	342.4
INTRASTATE MOBILITY									
If offered a suitable job—									
Would move intrastate	39.8	35.5	25.5	12.5	6.6	4.8	70.9	53.7	124.6
Would not move intrastate	49.8	27.3	42.7	24.0	19.0	11.8	118.3	56.4	174.7
Moving intrastate would depend on certain conditions(a)	10.4	10.6	9.0	5.5		*	22.3	14.3	36.6
Job conditions	4.3	4.8	3.7		*	*	10.4	3.8	14.2
Undecided	3.1		*	*	*	*	3.6	*	6.5
Total	101.5	74.9	78.5	40.2	28.8	18.6	215.2	127.3	342.4

(a) Includes job conditions, personal or family considerations and the specific State/locality.

TABLE 9. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JUNE 1981

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Looking for full-time work				Looking for part-time work			
	Males	Females	Persons		Males	Females	Persons	
	— '000—		%		— '000—		%	
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	14.5	6.8	21.4	7.4	*	*	3.5	6.4
Contacted prospective employers	123.7	82.5	206.2	71.8	3.1	7.2	10.3	18.7
Took other active steps(a)	6.5	*	8.9	3.1	*	*	*	*
Total registered with the CES	144.8	91.7	236.5	82.3	3.9	10.0	13.9	25.2
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	19.2	26.3	45.5	15.8	7.5	29.7	37.2	67.4
Took other active steps(a)	3.2	*	5.2	1.8	*	3.6	4.1	7.4
Total not registered with the CES	22.5	28.3	50.8	17.7	8.0	33.3	41.3	74.8
Total	167.3	119.9	287.2	100.0	12.0	43.3	55.2	100.0

(a) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES.

TABLE 10. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, JUNE 1981 ('000)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Main difficulty in finding work							Total
	Con- sidered to be too young/old	Lack education/ training/ skills	In- sufficient work experience	No vacancies in line of work	No vacancies at all	Other difficul- ties(a)	No difficul- ties reported	
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	4.0	*	*	3.3	6.8	5.6	*	24.9
Contacted prospective employers	36.9	17.7	26.4	40.0	52.2	38.9	4.4	216.5
Took other active steps(b)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9.0
Total registered with the CES	41.8	20.3	29.0	45.0	60.9	47.0	6.4	250.4
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	7.6	3.7	6.5	16.5	17.9	20.4	10.1	82.7
Took other active steps(b)	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	9.3
Total not registered with the CES	7.8	3.7	6.8	18.1	20.0	23.5	12.1	92.1
Total	49.6	24.1	35.8	63.1	80.9	70.5	18.6	342.4

(a) Includes own ill health or handicap, unsuitable hours, transport problems, language problems and discrimination against migrant or racial groups. (b) Includes persons who contacted friends, relatives or other persons and those who registered with an employment agency other than the CES.

**TABLE 11. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK,
DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGE, JUNE 1981**
(' 000)

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment (weeks)			Age group (years)		State capital cities	Other areas	Total
	Under 8	8 and under 26	26 and over	15-24	25 and over			
MALES								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	6.0	3.5	5.9	7.1	8.3	11.3	4.1	15.4
Contacted prospective employers	30.9	41.2	54.7	57.1	69.7	78.8	48.0	126.8
Took other active steps(a)	*	*	3.3	*	3.7	3.4	3.1	6.5
Total registered with the CES	38.2	46.6	63.9	67.1	81.6	93.5	55.2	148.7
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	16.1	6.9	3.8	14.0	12.8	17.3	9.5	26.8
Took other active steps(a)	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	*	3.7
Total not registered with the CES	18.5	7.3	4.7	16.2	14.3	20.4	10.1	30.5
Total	56.7	53.9	68.6	83.2	96.0	113.8	65.4	179.2
FEMALES								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	3.7	3.6	*	5.6	3.9	5.5	4.0	9.5
Contacted prospective employers	19.8	27.2	42.7	63.2	26.6	50.8	38.9	89.7
Took other active steps(a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total registered with the CES	24.8	31.1	45.8	70.8	30.9	58.3	43.4	101.7
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	30.2	16.4	9.4	20.7	35.3	38.5	17.5	56.0
Took other active steps(a)	3.6	*	*	*	3.9	4.6	*	5.6
Total not registered with the CES	33.8	17.4	10.4	22.4	39.2	43.1	18.5	61.6
Total	58.6	48.5	56.2	93.2	70.0	101.4	61.9	163.2
PERSONS								
Registered with the CES and—								
Took no other active steps	9.6	7.1	8.2	12.8	12.1	16.7	8.2	24.9
Contacted prospective employers	50.7	68.4	97.4	120.3	96.3	129.6	86.9	216.5
Took other active steps(a)	*	*	4.1	4.8	4.1	5.4	3.6	9.0
Total registered with the CES	63.0	77.7	109.7	137.9	112.5	151.7	98.7	250.4
Not registered with the CES and—								
Contacted prospective employers	46.3	23.3	13.1	34.7	48.1	55.8	27.0	82.7
Took other active steps(a)	6.0	*	*	3.9	5.5	7.7	*	9.3
Total not registered with the CES	52.3	24.7	15.1	38.6	53.5	63.5	28.6	92.1
Total	115.3	102.4	124.8	176.4	166.0	215.2	127.3	342.4

(a) See note(b) to Table 10.

TABLE 12. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1981

Active steps taken to find work during current period of unemployment	Duration of current period of unemployment												Total	Average duration	Median duration
	Less than one year (weeks)						1 and under 2 years	2 and under 3 years	3 years and over						
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	Total				Average duration					
	—' 000—									weeks		—' 000—				—weeks—
Registered with the CES and—															
Took no other active steps	6.5	3.1	3.1	4.0	*	19.5	10.9	3.6	*		24.9	36.0	12.5		
Contacted prospective employers	24.9	25.9	23.6	44.8	42.4	161.5	16.1	25.8	15.5	13.7	216.5	41.3	22.9		
Took other active steps(a)	*	*	*	*	*	6.1	12.6	*	*	*	9.0	38.2	21.8		
Total registered with the CES	33.0	30.0	27.7	50.0	46.4	187.1	15.5	29.8	17.4	16.0	250.4	40.7	22.0		
Not registered with the CES and—															
Contacted prospective employers	28.4	17.9	10.7	12.7	7.0	76.6	8.9	4.2	*	*	82.7	14.9	6.9		
Took other active steps(a)	5.1	*	*	*	*	8.4	6.9	*	*	*	9.3	28.5	3.7		
Total not registered with the CES	33.5	18.8	11.5	13.2	8.0	85.0	8.7	4.5	*	*	92.1	16.3	6.7		
Total	66.5	48.8	39.2	63.2	54.4	272.1	13.4	34.3	19.3	16.7	342.4	34.1	16.4		

(a) See note(b) to Table 10.

TABLE 13. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1981

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment												Total	Average duration	Median duration
	Less than one year (weeks)						1 and under 2 years	2 and under 3 years	3 years and over						
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	Total				Average duration					
	—' 000—									weeks					
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	*	*	*	9.6	15.8	3.3	*	15.0	56.2	30.5			
Employers consider too young/old	4.5	5.8	4.7	9.0	8.7	32.6	16.4	7.2	4.7	5.2	49.6	53.3	27.8		
Unsuitable hours	*	*	*	3.6	*	9.5	12.5	*	*	*	10.8	31.2	13.6		
Too far to travel/transport problems	3.8	*	*	3.8	*	14.4	12.5	3.2	*	*	18.8	35.7	16.9		
Lack necessary skills/education	*	3.5	3.2	4.9	3.8	18.1	14.5	4.3	*	*	24.1	43.6	20.1		
Insufficient work experience	5.6	4.2	*	7.0	8.8	28.4	16.5	4.1	*	*	35.8	35.5	22.9		
No vacancies in line of work	16.4	11.7	8.1	11.7	8.1	55.9	11.0	4.4	*	*	63.1	20.5	10.2		
No vacancies at all	11.9	12.4	11.9	14.7	15.3	66.2	14.4	7.4	4.3	*	80.9	31.2	16.8		
Other difficulties	5.1	3.2	*	5.0	3.9	19.6	14.7	3.5	*	*	25.9	36.8	18.8		
No difficulties reported	12.7	*	*	*	*	17.8	3.8	*	*	*	18.6	5.7	3.2		
Total	66.5	48.8	39.2	63.2	54.4	272.1	13.4	34.3	19.3	16.7	342.4	34.1	16.4		

**TABLE 14. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AGE, WHETHER OR NOT REGISTERED
WITH THE CES AND MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, JUNE 1981**
(' 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Registered with the CES						Total					
	Duration of current period of unemployment						Duration of current period of unemployment					
	Under 1 year (weeks)			1 and under 2 years	2 years and over	Total	Under 1 year (weeks)			1 and under 2 years	2 years and over	Total
	1 and under 8	8 and under 26	26 and under 52				1 and under 8	8 and under 26	26 and under 52			
15 TO 19 YEARS												
Employers consider too young/ old	*	4.6	*	*	*	9.5	*	5.5	*	*	*	11.4
Job not suitable(a)	5.6	10.6	7.4	3.6	*	30.0	8.4	13.1	8.3	4.1	*	36.7
No vacancies in line of work	3.9	*	*	*	*	8.8	6.9	4.0	*	*	*	13.9
No vacancies at all	4.9	7.6	4.3	*	*	19.8	9.3	10.0	5.7	*	*	28.6
Total(b)	20.0	26.1	16.0	8.3	5.2	75.6	34.0	34.2	18.8	9.1	5.4	101.6
20 TO 44 YEARS												
Employers consider too young/ old	3.4	4.0	*	*	3.4	15.6	5.1	4.9	*	*	3.4	18.7
Job not suitable(a)	8.2	10.3	6.3	3.6	6.2	34.5	16.2	15.1	6.6	4.2	7.0	49.3
No vacancies in line of work	11.9	11.5	4.8	*	*	32.1	19.4	14.2	5.3	3.1	*	43.4
No vacancies at all	8.0	11.2	7.9	3.4	4.7	35.2	12.6	14.5	9.0	4.0	4.8	44.9
Total(b)	37.6	44.3	24.0	15.0	18.1	139.0	70.2	58.4	27.9	18.0	19.2	193.6
45 YEARS AND OVER												
Employers consider too young/ old	*	*	4.0	3.9	5.2	16.6	*	3.2	4.2	3.9	5.6	19.5
Job not suitable(a)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.5
No vacancies in line of work	*	*	*	*	*	4.1	*	*	*	*	*	5.8
No vacancies at all	*	*	*	*	*	5.9	*	*	*	*	*	7.4
Total(b)	5.4	7.3	6.4	6.5	10.2	35.8	11.1	9.8	7.8	7.2	11.4	47.3
TOTAL												
Employers consider too young/ old	6.2	11.1	8.0	7.1	9.4	41.8	10.2	13.7	8.7	7.2	9.8	49.6
Job not suitable(a)	14.4	21.2	14.0	7.6	9.5	66.6	25.9	28.9	15.6	8.7	10.4	89.5
No vacancies in line of work	17.3	14.5	6.9	3.7	*	45.0	28.0	19.8	8.1	4.4	*	63.1
No vacancies at all	14.4	20.5	12.7	6.3	6.9	60.9	24.2	26.7	15.3	7.4	7.3	80.9
Total(b)	63.0	77.7	46.4	29.8	33.5	250.4	115.3	102.4	54.4	34.3	36.0	342.4

(a) Comprises unsuitable hours of employment; too far to travel/transport problems; lack necessary education, training or skills; insufficient work experience. (b) Includes persons who reported other difficulties and those who reported no difficulties.

TABLE 15. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JUNE 1981
(' 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia			Born overseas			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
Own ill health or handicap	4.9	*	6.6	3.8	*	5.5	8.7	3.3	12.0
Employers consider too young/old	9.9	12.1	22.0	7.1	4.6	11.7	17.0	16.7	33.7
Unsuitable hours	*	4.2	5.6	*	3.4	3.6	*	7.6	9.2
Too far to travel/transport problems	4.6	*	7.4	*	*	4.8	7.3	4.8	12.1
Lack necessary skills/education	7.1	3.4	10.5	*	*	*	8.9	4.5	13.4
Language difficulties	*	*	*	4.1	*	6.7	4.1	*	6.7
Insufficient work experience	7.9	11.7	19.6	*	4.8	7.0	10.1	16.5	26.6
No vacancies in line of work	14.1	11.3	25.4	8.8	4.4	13.2	22.9	15.7	38.6
No vacancies at all	12.2	10.0	22.2	8.2	6.2	14.4	20.4	16.2	36.6
Other difficulties	4.2	4.1	8.4	3.8	*	5.4	8.0	5.7	13.8
No difficulties	*	6.4	9.3	*	*	3.1	4.8	7.6	12.4
Total	69.3	67.7	137.0	44.5	33.6	78.2	113.8	101.3	215.2
TOTAL									
Own ill health or handicap	6.5	*	8.4	5.0	*	6.6	11.4	3.6	15.0
Employers consider too young/old	14.6	19.5	34.1	9.6	6.0	15.5	24.1	25.5	49.6
Unsuitable hours	*	5.1	6.7	*	3.7	4.0	*	8.9	10.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	8.4	4.6	12.9	3.5	*	5.9	11.8	7.0	18.8
Lack necessary skills/education	11.1	8.6	19.6	*	*	4.4	13.0	11.0	24.1
Language difficulties	*	*	*	4.1	*	6.8	4.1	*	6.8
Insufficient work experience	11.0	16.5	27.5	*	5.6	8.3	13.7	22.1	35.8
No vacancies in line of work	25.1	21.1	46.2	11.4	5.4	16.8	36.5	26.5	63.1
No vacancies at all	32.7	27.2	59.8	12.2	8.8	21.1	44.9	36.0	80.9
Other difficulties	5.6	6.6	12.1	4.8	*	7.0	10.4	8.8	19.2
No difficulties	5.1	9.5	14.6	*	*	3.9	7.5	11.1	18.6
Total	121.5	120.6	242.1	57.7	42.6	100.4	179.2	163.2	342.4

TABLE 16. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK, STATES, JUNE 1981
(' 000)

Main difficulty in finding work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.(a)
Own ill health or handicap	6.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	15.0
Employers consider too young/old	14.6	11.2	8.7	8.0	4.7	1.8	*	49.6
Unsuitable hours	*	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	10.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	4.4	4.9	4.6	2.1	2.3	*	*	18.8
Lack necessary skills/education	5.7	7.5	4.7	2.9	*	*	*	24.1
Insufficient work experience	8.1	11.3	4.8	5.6	4.2	*	*	35.8
No vacancies in line of work	21.2	15.3	10.2	5.4	5.7	2.2	1.9	63.1
No vacancies at all	23.4	20.8	11.4	13.2	6.4	3.8	1.5	80.9
Other difficulties	8.0	8.8	2.8	2.3	2.6	*	*	25.9
No difficulties reported	4.6	5.9	3.3	2.0	*	*	*	18.6
Total	98.9	93.4	54.0	43.6	31.2	11.3	5.9	342.4

(a) Includes the Northern Territory.

TABLE 17. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK AND BIRTHPLACE, JUNE 1981

	Born in Australia			Main English-speaking countries			Other countries			Total born overseas			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
All difficulties in finding work															
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES—RESPONSES (' 000)															
Own ill health or handicap	8.9	3.6	12.6	*	*	3.3	5.6	*	6.8	7.7	*	10.1	16.6	6.0	22.7
Employers consider too young/old	22.6	25.2	47.8	5.9	4.6	10.5	9.4	5.7	15.2	15.3	10.3	25.6	37.9	35.5	73.4
Unsuitable hours	4.6	9.3	13.9	*	*	*	*	4.6	5.3	*	6.4	7.8	5.9	15.8	21.7
Too far to travel/transport problems	17.5	14.8	32.3	4.4	3.1	7.6	4.1	4.4	8.5	8.5	7.6	16.1	26.0	22.4	48.4
Lack necessary skills/education	23.0	20.1	43.1	4.6	*	7.3	7.4	4.5	11.9	12.1	7.1	19.2	35.0	27.3	62.3
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.8	5.1	12.9	7.8	5.1	12.9	8.3	5.9	14.3
Insufficient work experience	21.0	23.4	44.4	4.2	4.0	8.2	6.8	5.8	12.6	11.0	9.8	20.8	32.0	33.2	65.2
No vacancies in line of work	30.5	26.4	56.9	8.2	5.7	13.9	12.9	6.0	18.9	21.1	11.7	32.8	51.6	38.0	89.7
No vacancies at all	26.8	21.2	48.0	6.6	3.8	10.4	10.3	7.2	17.5	16.9	10.9	27.9	43.8	32.1	75.9
Other difficulties	7.3	7.5	14.8	*	*	4.3	3.0	*	4.5	5.8	*	8.8	13.1	10.5	23.6
No difficulties	*	6.4	9.3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.1	4.8	7.6	12.4
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES—PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO REPORTED SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES															
Own ill health or handicap	12.9	5.4	9.2	*	*	10.9	20.1	*	14.2	17.3	*	12.9	14.6	6.0	10.5
Employers consider too young/old	32.7	37.2	34.9	35.2	34.7	35.0	33.8	28.2	31.4	34.3	30.7	32.8	33.3	35.0	34.1
Unsuitable hours	6.6	13.8	10.2	*	*	*	*	22.7	10.9	*	19.1	9.9	5.2	15.5	10.1
Too far to travel/transport problems	25.3	21.9	23.6	26.6	23.7	25.3	14.6	21.7	17.6	19.1	22.5	20.6	22.8	22.1	22.5
Lack necessary skills/education	33.1	29.7	31.5	27.7	*	24.4	26.7	21.9	24.6	27.1	21.2	24.6	30.8	26.9	29.0
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	*	28.0	24.9	26.7	17.5	15.1	16.5	7.3	5.8	6.6
Insufficient work experience	30.3	34.6	32.4	25.1	30.3	27.4	24.3	28.4	26.1	24.6	29.2	26.6	28.1	32.8	30.3
No vacancies in line of work	44.0	38.9	41.5	49.1	42.8	46.4	46.3	29.4	39.1	47.3	34.7	41.9	45.3	37.5	41.7
No vacancies at all	38.7	31.2	35.0	39.7	28.5	34.8	36.9	35.2	36.2	38.0	32.6	35.6	38.4	31.7	35.2
Other difficulties	10.6	11.1	10.8	*	*	14.3	10.9	*	9.3	13.0	*	11.2	11.5	10.3	11.0
No difficulties	*	9.4	6.8	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	4.2	7.5	5.8
TOTAL—RESPONSES (' 000)															
Own ill health or handicap	14.1	4.7	18.8	*	*	4.6	6.3	*	7.5	9.2	*	12.1	23.3	7.6	30.9
Employers consider too young/old	34.2	41.6	75.8	7.1	7.6	14.7	12.9	6.1	18.9	19.9	13.7	33.6	54.1	55.3	109.4
Unsuitable hours	6.1	12.5	18.6	*	*	3.1	*	4.9	6.1	*	7.1	9.2	8.2	19.6	27.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	27.1	21.9	49.0	5.3	4.5	9.8	4.3	4.8	9.1	9.6	9.3	19.0	36.7	31.3	67.9
Lack necessary skills/education	36.5	35.8	72.3	5.9	5.2	11.1	8.4	5.4	13.7	14.3	10.6	24.9	50.8	46.4	97.2
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.0	5.5	13.5	8.0	5.5	13.5	8.9	6.8	15.7
Insufficient work experience	31.6	38.1	69.7	5.7	6.0	11.7	7.9	6.3	14.2	13.6	12.3	25.9	45.2	50.4	95.6
No vacancies in line of work	53.9	45.0	98.9	11.7	8.7	20.3	15.7	7.5	23.1	27.3	16.1	43.5	81.2	61.1	142.3
No vacancies at all	56.5	48.5	104.9	9.7	7.4	17.0	14.1	8.5	22.6	23.8	15.8	39.6	80.3	64.3	144.6
Other difficulties	10.5	11.1	21.6	3.5	*	5.8	4.0	*	5.6	7.6	3.8	11.4	18.1	14.9	33.0
No difficulties	5.1	9.5	14.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	7.5	11.1	18.6
TOTAL—PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO REPORTED SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES															
Own ill health or handicap	11.6	3.9	7.8	*	*	10.9	17.7	*	12.9	16.0	*	12.1	13.0	4.6	9.0
Employers consider too young/old	28.1	34.5	31.3	31.9	38.5	35.0	36.2	26.5	32.4	34.5	32.1	33.5	30.2	33.9	31.9
Unsuitable hours	5.0	10.4	7.7	*	*	7.4	*	21.6	10.5	*	16.6	9.2	4.6	12.0	8.9
Too far to travel/transport problems	22.3	18.2	20.2	23.9	22.9	23.4	12.1	21.0	15.6	16.7	21.9	18.9	20.5	19.2	19.8
Lack necessary skills/education	30.0	29.7	29.9	26.7	26.4	26.6	23.5	23.6	23.5	24.7	24.9	24.8	28.3	28.5	28.4
Language difficulties	*	*	*	*	*	*	22.6	24.1	23.2	13.9	12.9	13.5	5.0	4.2	4.6
Insufficient work experience	26.0	31.6	28.8	25.6	30.3	27.8	22.2	27.8	24.4	23.5	28.9	25.8	25.2	30.9	27.9
No vacancies in line of work	44.4	37.3	40.9	52.6	43.8	48.4	44.0	32.7	39.6	47.3	37.9	43.3	45.3	37.4	41.6
No vacancies at all	46.5	40.2	43.3	43.5	37.2	40.5	39.8	37.1	38.7	41.2	37.1	39.5	44.8	39.4	42.2
Other difficulties	8.6	9.2	8.9	16.0	*	13.7	11.3	*	9.6	13.1	8.9	11.3	10.1	9.1	9.6
No difficulties	4.2	7.9	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	4.2	6.8	5.4

NOTE : Because some respondents reported more than one difficulty in finding work, the estimates in Tables 17 and 18 do not agree with those in tables which show only the main difficulty.

TABLE 18. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : ALL DIFFICULTIES REPORTED IN FINDING WORK, STATES, JUNE 1981
(Responses—' 000)

<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.(a)</i>
MALES								
Own ill health or handicap	8.3	5.1	3.1	3.6	2.4	*	*	23.3
Employers consider too young/old	14.9	14.0	8.0	9.3	5.3	2.2	*	54.1
Unsuitable hours	3.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.2
Too far to travel/transport problems	10.7	9.4	6.3	5.4	3.6	*	*	36.7
Lack necessary skills/education	15.4	11.6	8.5	7.4	5.2	1.3	1.7	50.8
Insufficient work experience	11.6	12.1	6.5	6.9	5.4	1.6		45.2
No vacancies in line of work	22.5	21.6	12.8	11.2	7.4	2.7	2.1	81.2
No vacancies at all	23.9	17.1	12.4	13.8	7.3	3.6	*	80.3
Other difficulties(b)	6.9	8.6	3.2	3.5	3.3	*	*	27.0
No difficulties reported	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.5
FEMALES								
Own ill health or handicap	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.6
Employers consider too young/old	13.8	15.4	9.4	8.2	5.9	1.5	*	55.3
Unsuitable hours	4.7	7.0	3.1	*	2.0	*	*	19.6
Too far to travel/transport problems	7.8	8.7	6.1	4.9	3.0	*	*	31.3
Lack necessary skills/education	13.4	11.8	7.1	7.8	3.4	1.8	*	46.4
Insufficient work experience	14.1	15.9	6.8	7.2	4.0	1.2	*	50.4
No vacancies in line of work	18.6	16.0	10.1	7.4	5.8	1.6	*	61.1
No vacancies at all	18.6	17.8	9.5	7.9	6.1	2.9	*	64.3
Other difficulties(b)	5.6	7.5	3.6	2.0	*	*	*	21.7
No difficulties reported	3.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	11.1
PERSONS								
Own ill health or handicap	11.0	6.5	4.2	4.8	3.0	1.0	*	30.9
Employers consider too young/old	28.8	29.3	17.3	17.5	11.2	3.7	*	109.4
Unsuitable hours	8.2	9.2	3.6	2.4	2.6	*	*	27.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	18.6	18.1	12.4	10.4	6.6	1.0	*	68.0
Lack necessary skills/education	28.8	23.5	15.6	15.2	8.6	3.0	1.7	97.2
Insufficient work experience	25.7	28.0	13.3	14.0	9.4	2.7	1.7	95.6
No vacancies in line of work	41.1	37.6	22.9	18.6	13.2	4.3	3.5	142.4
No vacancies at all	42.5	34.8	21.9	21.7	13.4	6.5	2.7	144.6
Language difficulties	5.4	5.8	*	*	*	*	*	15.7
Other difficulties	7.0	10.3	5.3	4.1	3.8	*	*	33.0
No difficulties reported	4.6	5.9	3.3	2.0	*	*	*	18.6

(a) Includes the Northern Territory. (b) Includes persons who reported language difficulties.

TABLE 19. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT(a) IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS(b) AND AGE, JUNE 1981
(' 000)

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	33.1	26.1	32.9	15.0	15.0	13.4	135.4
Two	9.1	7.2	6.0	3.7	*	*	28.3
Three or more	4.1	3.6	*	3.4		*	15.5
Total	46.3	36.9	41.8	20.7	17.2	16.3	179.2
FEMALES							
One	45.4	30.3	32.0	17.7	10.3	*	137.8
Two	6.6	5.5	3.3	*	*	*	18.0
Three or more	3.2	3.6		*	*	*	7.4
Total	55.2	37.9	36.7	19.5	11.6	*	163.2
PERSONS							
One	78.5	56.4	64.9	32.6	25.3	15.5	273.2
Two	15.8	12.7	9.4	5.1	3.4		46.3
Three or more	7.3	5.8	4.2	4.0		*	22.9
Total	101.5	74.9	78.5	40.2	28.8	18.6	342.4

(a) Includes the current period of unemployment. (b) The twelve months up to and including the end of the survey week.

**TABLE 20. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT(a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS(b), JUNE 1981
(' 000)**

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
One	13.9	18.3	19.9	12.0	31.1	24.6	9.5	45.9	175.2
Two	..	*	*	3.9	7.9	5.9	5.9	..	26.9
Three or more	..	..	*	*	4.6	3.1	3.7	..	13.1
Total	13.9	19.2	22.8	16.9	43.6	33.6	19.2	45.9	215.2
OTHER AREAS									
One	6.6	9.4	10.3	10.2	14.4	11.0	7.1	29.0	98.0
Two	..	*	*	*	4.2	5.6	5.9	..	19.4
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	4.4	*	..	9.9
Total	6.6	10.0	11.8	13.0	21.1	21.0	14.9	29.0	127.3

See notes to Table 19.

**TABLE 21. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : DURATION AND NUMBER OF PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT(a)
IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS(b), JUNE 1981
(' 000)**

Number of periods of unemployment in previous twelve months	Duration of unemployment in previous twelve months (weeks)							52	Total
	1 and under 2	2 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 52		
MALES									
One	7.1	13.5	14.1	9.8	23.6	17.2	7.3	42.8	135.4
Two	..	*	*	3.5	8.6	6.6	6.8	..	28.3
Three or more	..	..	*	*	4.1	5.0	3.8	..	15.5
Total	7.1	14.5	16.5	15.2	36.4	28.7	18.0	42.8	179.2
FEMALES									
One	13.4	14.1	16.2	12.3	21.9	18.4	9.3	32.2	137.8
Two	..	*	*	*	3.5	4.9	5.0	..	18.0
Three or more	..	..	*	*	*	*	*	..	7.4
Total	13.4	14.7	18.1	14.7	28.3	25.8	16.0	32.2	163.2
PERSONS									
One	20.5	27.6	30.3	22.2	45.5	35.5	16.6	75.0	273.2
Two	..	*	3.4	5.9	12.1	11.5	11.8	..	46.3
Three or more	..	..	*	*	7.1	7.5	5.6	..	22.9
Total	20.5	29.2	34.6	29.9	64.7	54.6	34.0	75.0	342.4

See notes to Table 19.

TABLE 22. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : WHEN LAST WORKED(a) AND MARITAL STATUS, JUNE 1981
(' 000)

When last worked(a)	Males			Females			Persons		
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total
During 1981	29.4	49.8	79.2	14.9	30.3	45.2	44.3	80.1	124.5
During 1980	19.6	21.9	41.5	9.5	19.0	28.4	29.1	40.9	69.9
Before 1980	17.7	18.6	36.3	39.6	15.1	54.7	57.4	33.6	91.0
Never worked(a)	*	21.8	22.2	3.8	31.0	34.8	4.3	52.8	57.0
Total	67.2	112.0	179.2	67.8	95.4	163.2	135.1	207.4	342.4

(a) In a full-time job lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 23. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE IN 1980 OR 1981: DURATION OF LAST JOB AND AGE, JUNE 1981
(' 000)

Duration of last full-time job(a)	State capital cities	Other areas	Age group (years)				Total
			15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
Under 4 weeks	6.0	3.8	4.5	*	*	*	9.8
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	7.3	7.2	3.5	4.5	3.1	3.4	14.5
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	18.0	13.1	9.6	9.3	6.8	5.4	31.0
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	14.5	5.9	4.3	6.1	5.4	4.6	20.5
Total under 1 year	45.8	30.0	21.9	21.9	16.8	15.3	75.9
1 year and under 2 years	6.4	3.7	*	*	4.2	*	10.0
2 years and under 5 years	11.2	7.0	*	3.5	6.5	6.2	18.2
5 years and over	10.1	6.5	*	*	4.7	11.0	16.6
Total	73.5	47.3	25.8	28.2	32.3	34.5	120.7
FEMALES							
Under 4 weeks	3.0	3.1	3.9	*	*	*	6.0
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	5.5	*	4.2	*	*	*	8.3
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	11.1	6.9	8.6	5.1	*	*	18.0
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	8.4	4.3	4.5	4.5	*	*	12.7
Total under 1 year	28.0	17.0	21.2	12.8	5.8	5.2	45.0
1 year and under 2 years	7.9	5.1	3.0	4.0	4.2	*	13.0
2 years and under 5 years	6.7	4.5	*	4.1	3.2	*	11.2
5 years and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.2
Total	44.7	28.7	25.5	22.3	14.7	11.0	73.4
PERSONS							
Under 4 weeks	9.0	6.9	8.3	3.7	*	*	15.9
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	12.8	10.0	7.8	6.1	4.3	4.8	22.8
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	29.1	20.0	18.1	14.4	9.2	7.3	49.0
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	23.0	10.2	8.8	10.6	7.4	6.4	33.2
Total under 1 year	73.8	47.1	43.1	34.7	22.6	20.5	120.9
1 year and under 2 years	14.3	8.7	5.0	6.0	8.4	3.8	23.0
2 years and under 5 years	17.9	11.6	3.4	7.5	9.7	8.8	29.4
5 years and over	12.2	8.6	*	*	6.2	12.4	20.8
Total	118.2	76.0	51.3	50.4	46.9	45.5	194.2

(a) Lasting two weeks or more.

TABLE 24. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1980 OR 1981 : AGE(a), DURATION OF JOB AND REASON FOR LEAVING, JUNE 1981 (' 000)

Duration of last full-time job(b)	Age group (years)				Total		
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Males	Females	Persons
LOST LAST JOB, RETRENCHED, OR JOB TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL							
Under 4 weeks	5.6	*	*	*	6.8	3.7	10.5
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	4.9	4.0	*	3.0	9.3	5.3	14.6
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	13.4	8.5	5.9	4.1	20.7	11.3	32.0
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	5.9	6.1	*	3.5	11.2	7.0	18.2
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	29.9	20.9	13.0	11.5	48.0	27.3	75.3
1 year and under 2 years	3.7		4.6	*	5.6	3.8	9.4
2 years and under 5 years	*	3.0	*	3.9	8.5	*	10.9
5 years and over	*	*	*	4.2	5.9	*	6.5
<i>Total</i>	33.6	26.0	21.7	20.8	67.9	34.2	102.2
LEFT LAST JOB FOR OTHER REASONS(c)							
Under 8 weeks	5.1	3.2	*	*	6.5	5.0	11.4
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	4.6	5.9	3.1	*	9.8	6.5	16.2
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	*	4.3	4.4	*	8.3	5.6	13.8
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	12.5	13.4	8.6	7.1	24.5	17.0	41.5
1 year and under 2 years	*	4.6	3.4	*	3.2	8.9	12.1
2 years and under 3 years	3.2		*	*	4.1	3.6	7.7
3 years and under 5 years	3.2		3.1	*	3.0	4.3	7.3
5 years and over	*	*	3.5	6.0	7.3	3.5	10.8
<i>Total</i>	17.0	23.7	20.8	17.9	42.2	37.2	79.4
ALL REASONS							
Under 4 weeks	8.1	3.7	*	*	9.4	5.8	15.2
4 weeks and under 8 weeks	7.5	5.8	3.4	4.4	13.2	8.2	21.4
8 weeks and under 26 weeks	18.0	14.4	9.0	6.8	30.5	17.7	48.2
26 weeks and under 52 weeks	8.7	10.4	7.1	5.8	19.4	12.6	32.0
<i>Total under 1 year</i>	42.4	34.3	21.5	18.6	72.5	44.3	116.8
1 year and under 2 years	4.8	5.9	8.0	*	8.9	12.6	21.5
2 years and under 3 years	*	3.6	3.4	3.6	8.3	4.4	12.7
3 years and under 5 years	*	3.8	4.6	3.6	7.3	5.9	13.2
5 years and over	*	*	5.0	10.1	13.1	4.2	17.3
<i>Total</i>	50.6	49.7	42.5	38.7	110.1	71.4	181.5

(a) In June 1981. (b) Lasting two weeks or more. (c) Includes unsatisfactory work arrangements such as pay or hours; own ill health or injury; to marry; to have children; to look after family; spouse transferred; to travel or take a holiday; to return to studies.

TABLE 25. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1980 OR 1981 : REASON FOR LEAVING, JUNE 1981

Reason for leaving	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	—' 000—			—per cent—		
Retrenched/lost job	49.5	24.8	74.4	45.0	34.8	41.0
Unsatisfactory work arrangements	16.5	10.6	27.1	15.0	14.9	14.9
Own ill health or injury	7.3	5.7	13.0	6.6	8.0	7.2
Job was temporary or seasonal	18.4	9.4	27.8	16.7	13.2	15.3
Returned to studies	*	*	*	*	*	*
To marry/have children/look after family	*	3.1	4.1	*	4.4	2.3
Changed residence/spouse transferred	4.1	6.4	10.5	3.8	8.9	5.8
Travel/take a holiday	4.1	3.9	8.1	3.8	5.5	4.5
Other	8.3	5.5	13.8	7.5	7.7	7.6
<i>Total</i>	110.1	71.4	181.5	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 26. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK WHO WERE WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB LASTING TWO WEEKS OR MORE AND WHO FINISHED WORKING IN THAT JOB IN 1980 OR 1981(a): GROSS WEEKLY PAY(b) IN LAST JOB AND AGE, JUNE 1981

Gross weekly pay(b) in last full-time job (\$)	State capital cities	Other areas	Age Group (years)				Total
			15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	
MALES							
—' 000—							
Under 80	5.2	*	4.6	*	*	*	6.6
80 and under 100	3.8	*	4.8	*	*	*	5.9
100 and under 120	4.4	*	4.8	*	*	*	7.1
120 and under 140	4.2	3.1	*	3.4		*	7.3
140 and under 160	5.4	5.4	*	4.0	3.9		10.8
160 and under 180	5.9	7.0	*	3.8	4.0	3.4	12.9
180 and under 200	9.7	5.7	*	5.0	5.5	3.8	15.3
200 and under 250	14.6	7.7	*	5.9	6.9	7.9	22.4
250 and under 300	7.9	3.9	*	*	4.3	5.0	11.8
300 and over	5.0	4.2	*	4.3		4.2	9.3
Total	66.2	43.2	25.4	27.2	28.6	28.2	109.4
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	183.50	189.30	127.20	186.50	204.20	219.10	185.80
FEMALES							
—' 000—							
Under 80	4.8	3.6	4.7	*	*	*	8.4
80 and under 100	5.9	4.8	7.9	*	*	*	10.7
100 and under 120	4.8	*	3.8	*	*	*	7.1
120 and under 140	6.9	3.9	5.7	3.2	*	*	10.9
140 and under 160	6.9	*	*	3.8	3.9		9.4
160 and under 180	4.0	*	*	4.4		*	6.5
180 and under 200	*	*	*	4.4		*	5.5
200 and under 250	6.3	*	*	4.2	3.1	*	9.2
250 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.4
Total	44.1	27.0	25.0	22.3	13.7	10.1	71.1
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	139.70	144.70	104.10	156.80	173.60	157.40	141.60
PERSONS							
—' 000—							
Under 80	10.0	5.0	9.3	*	*	*	15.0
80 and under 100	9.7	6.9	12.8	*	*	*	16.6
100 and under 120	9.2	5.0	8.6	*	*	*	14.2
120 and under 140	11.1	7.0	8.3	5.7	*	*	18.2
140 and under 160	12.4	7.8	4.5	7.8	3.7	4.2	20.2
160 and under 180	9.9	9.5	*	6.4	5.9	4.7	19.4
180 and under 200	12.5	8.3	*	7.6	7.4	4.5	20.8
200 and under 250	20.9	10.7	*	10.1	10.0	9.6	31.6
250 and under 300	8.9	4.9	*	3.2	4.7	5.6	13.8
300 and over	5.6	5.1	*	*	3.8	4.6	10.8
Total	110.3	70.2	50.4	49.5	42.3	38.3	180.5
—dollars—							
Average gross weekly pay	166.00	172.10	115.70	173.10	194.30	202.80	168.40

(a) Excludes a small number of persons working for payment in kind. (b) Before tax or anything else was taken out.

TABLE 27. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : FAMILY STATUS AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1981

Family status	Duration of current period of unemployment(weeks)						Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over			
	— ' 000—									—weeks—
MALES									
Member of a family (a)	23.2	18.3	16.2	25.8	23.1	31.6	138.2	36.0	19.0
Husband	10.8	6.3	7.8	11.0	10.4	18.0	64.4	41.5	21.6
With dependent children present	7.7	3.9	5.8	5.9	6.6	11.9	41.8	42.0	20.6
Without dependent children present	3.2	*	*	5.0	3.8	6.2	22.6	40.5	22.7
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	4.2		3.6		*	*	9.3	14.9	10.7
Other child of family head	7.9	9.2	6.5	10.6	10.3	10.9	55.5	32.5	18.1
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	3.1			*	*	*	4.8	17.2	9.1
Not a member of a family	6.8	6.2	3.9	8.4	6.4	9.3	41.0	39.3	18.5
Total	30.0	24.5	20.2	34.2	29.4	40.9	179.2	36.8	18.7
FEMALES									
Member of a family	27.0	18.6	15.3	25.0	22.2	25.8	133.9	32.9	16.1
Wife	14.9	9.9	8.1	10.3	6.1	8.1	57.4	26.2	10.4
Looking for full-time work	6.6	5.2	4.5	5.4	3.7	5.0	30.4	30.1	11.7
Looking for part-time work	8.2	4.7	3.5	4.8	*	3.2	26.9	21.8	8.7
Not married head of family	3.1			*	*	3.9	11.6	50.8	31.4
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	3.2	3.7		3.1	*	*	13.5	19.8	12.4
Other child of family head	7.0	4.9	4.4	9.1	10.0	10.8	46.2	39.2	22.7
Other relative (parent, sister etc.)	*	*		4.3			5.2	45.7	29.9
Not a member of a family	6.9	4.7	3.0	4.8	4.4	5.6	29.3	31.1	13.3
Total	33.9	23.3	18.3	29.8	26.6	31.4	163.3	32.6	15.7
PERSONS									
Member of a family	50.2	37.0	31.5	50.8	45.3	57.4	272.2	34.5	17.4
Husband or wife	25.7	16.2	15.9	21.2	16.5	26.2	121.7	34.3	14.9
With dependent children present	18.3	10.5	11.9	13.8	10.9	18.1	83.6	35.3	14.0
Without dependent children present	7.4	5.8	3.9	7.4	5.5	8.0	38.1	32.2	16.4
Not married head of family	*	*	3.4		3.4	5.5	15.9	55.2	31.3
With dependent children present	*	*	*	4.6		3.0	10.8	41.7	25.5
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	5.9	3.6	*	5.9	3.0	*	22.8	17.8	11.8
Other child of family head	14.9	14.1	10.9	19.7	20.4	21.7	101.7	35.5	20.2
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	3.2		*	*	4.0		10.0	32.0	14.4
Not a member of a family	13.6	10.9	7.0	13.2	10.7	14.9	70.3	35.9	16.6
Total	63.9	47.8	38.5	64.0	56.0	72.3	342.4	34.8	17.3

(a) Includes 4,300 not married male heads of families whose average duration of current period of unemployment was 67.2 weeks.

TABLE 28. PERSONS LOOKING FOR WORK : FAMILY STATUS, NOVEMBER 1976 TO JUNE 1981
(per cent)

Family status	November 1976	May 1977	July 1978	July 1979	July 1980	June 1981
MALES						
Member of a family	76.8	80.2	78.3	78.1	78.7	77.1
Husband	30.8	30.2	33.5	31.2	32.8	35.9
With dependent children present	21.5	20.0	22.7	19.2	21.4	23.3
Without dependent children present	9.3	10.2	10.8	12.1	11.4	12.6
Not married head of family	*	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.6	2.4
With dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*
Without dependent children present	*	2.4	*	*	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	7.2	4.8	3.6	4.5	6.7	5.2
Other child of family head	32.9	38.1	35.2	37.5	34.4	31.0
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	4.0	4.1	3.9	2.9	3.1	2.7
Not a member of a family	23.2	19.8	21.7	21.9	21.3	22.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES						
Member of a family	85.1	86.8	84.8	84.7	83.3	82.0
Wife	34.2	38.5	38.5	34.9	33.4	35.1
With dependent children present	} n.a. {	26.3	26.4	25.9	23.1	25.6
Without dependent children present		12.3	12.1	9.0	10.3	9.5
Not married head of family	5.2	6.4	6.3	8.6	7.9	7.1
With dependent children present	4.1	5.2	4.4	7.0	6.4	5.1
Without dependent children present	*	*	1.9	*	*	*
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	9.7	8.0	5.5	7.9	7.9	8.3
Other child of family head	33.0	31.9	31.6	30.6	30.8	28.3
Other relative (parent, sister, etc.)	3.1	*	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.2
Not a member of a family	14.9	13.2	15.2	15.3	16.7	18.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PERSONS						
Member of a family	80.4	83.2	81.1	81.2	80.8	79.5
Husband or wife	32.3	34.0	35.7	33.0	33.1	35.5
With dependent children present	} n.a. {	22.9	24.3	22.3	22.2	24.4
Without dependent children present		11.1	11.4	10.6	10.9	11.1
Not married head of family	3.3	4.5	3.9	5.1	4.6	4.7
With dependent children present	2.0	2.6	2.4	3.8	3.4	3.2
Without dependent children present	1.3	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.5
Full-time student 15-20 years of age	8.3	6.3	4.5	6.1	7.3	6.6
Other child of family head	33.0	35.3	33.6	34.2	32.7	29.7
Other relative (parent, brother, etc.)	3.6	3.1	3.5	2.8	3.2	2.9
Not a member of a family	19.6	16.8	18.9	18.8	19.2	20.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**TABLE 29. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT(a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS
EMPLOYED AND FAMILY SIZE, JUNE 1981**
(' 000 families)

Number of family members employed	Number of members in family					Total
	2	3	4	5	6 or more	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES						
None	20.9	11.7	8.1	4.1	4.8	49.6
1	14.5	16.7	18.1	10.0	5.4	64.6
2 or more	..	7.4	16.4	15.2	12.9	51.8
Total	35.4	35.8	42.5	29.2	23.1	166.0
OTHER AREAS						
None	9.8	8.6	6.5	4.3	3.2	32.3
1	8.0	8.3	10.5	5.3	*	34.8
2 or more	..	4.7	7.0	7.4	5.9	25.0
Total	17.8	21.5	24.0	17.0	11.8	92.1
TOTAL						
None	30.7	20.3	14.5	8.4	8.0	81.8
1	22.5	25.0	28.6	15.3	8.1	99.5
2 or more	..	12.1	23.4	22.5	18.8	76.8
Total	53.2	57.4	66.5	46.2	34.8	258.1

(a) Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks (see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory notes).

TABLE 30. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT(a) : TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, JUNE 1981
(' 000 families)

Type of family	No dependent children 15-20 years				Some dependent children 15-20 years				Total
	Number of dependent children under 15 years				Number of dependent children under 15 years				
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	
STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
Married couple families	46.9	21.9	32.7	101.5	12.1	9.0	8.5	29.6	131.1
One or both spouses unemployed	24.9	13.7	27.2	65.8	*	*	4.1	9.1	74.9
Husband unemployed, wife employed	3.7	*	*	8.5	*	*	*	*	9.7
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	10.5	4.9	9.3	24.6	*	*	*	3.0	27.6
Husband employed, wife unemployed	8.6	5.1	14.5	28.2	*	*	*	4.0	32.1
Other(b)	*	*	*	4.6	*	*	*	*	5.5
Neither spouse unemployed	21.9	8.2	5.5	35.6	9.7	6.4	4.4	20.5	56.2
Husband and wife both employed	11.2	3.3	*	16.7	4.1	4.0	*	10.6	27.2
Other(c)	10.8	4.8	3.3	19.0	5.5	*	*	10.0	29.0
Other families	18.1	7.5	4.0	29.7	*	*	*	5.2	34.9
Head unemployed(d)	3.6	4.8	*	10.7	*	*	*	*	11.1
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	14.5	*	*	19.0	*	*	*	4.8	23.8
All families	65.0	29.4	36.7	131.1	14.7	10.5	9.7	34.9	166.0
OTHER AREAS									
Married couple families	23.8	14.6	22.7	61.2	5.7	4.0	5.3	15.1	76.2
One or both spouses unemployed	12.3	8.8	19.6	40.7	*	*	*	3.2	43.9
Husband unemployed, wife employed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.2
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	5.3	3.3	7.2	15.8	*	*	*	*	17.2
Husband employed, wife unemployed	5.0	4.0	8.8	17.9	*	*	*	*	19.3
Other(b)	*	*	*	4.1	*	*	*	*	4.1
Neither spouse unemployed	11.6	5.8	3.2	20.5	4.6	3.3	3.9	11.9	32.3
Husband and wife both employed	4.8	*	*	8.7	*	*	*	6.7	15.4
Other(c)	6.8	3.0	*	11.8	*	*	*	5.2	17.0
Other families	8.2	3.7	*	13.7	*	*	*	*	15.9
Head unemployed	*	*	*	4.6	*	*	*	*	5.2
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	6.5	*	*	9.1	*	*	*	*	10.7
All families	32.0	18.3	24.5	74.8	7.0	4.5	5.8	17.3	92.1
TOTAL									
Married couple families	70.7	36.5	55.4	162.6	17.9	13.0	13.9	44.7	207.3
One or both spouses unemployed	37.2	22.6	46.7	106.5	3.6	3.2	5.5	12.3	118.8
Husband unemployed, wife employed	4.9	*	3.5	11.4	*	*	*	*	12.9
Husband unemployed, wife not in the labour force	15.7	8.1	16.5	40.4	*	*	*	4.4	44.8
Husband employed, wife unemployed	13.6	9.1	23.3	46.0	*	*	*	5.4	51.5
Other(b)	3.0	*	3.3	8.8	*	*	*	*	9.7
Neither spouse unemployed	33.5	13.9	8.7	56.1	14.3	9.8	8.4	32.4	88.5
Husband and wife both employed	15.9	6.1	3.3	25.3	7.1	5.4	4.7	17.2	42.6
Other(c)	17.6	7.8	5.3	30.8	7.2	4.3	3.7	15.2	45.9
Other families	26.3	11.2	5.8	43.3	3.9	*	*	7.4	50.8
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	4.1	*	*	*	*	4.3
Female head unemployed	3.4	5.1	*	11.2	*	*	*	*	12.0
Other (i.e. family member other than head unemployed)	21.0	4.3	*	28.1	3.4	*	*	6.4	34.5
All families	97.0	47.7	61.2	206.0	21.7	14.9	15.5	52.2	258.1

(a) See note(a) to Table 29. (b) Comprises 7,900 families (4,300 in State capital cities) with both spouses unemployed and a small number of families with the husband not in the labour force and the wife unemployed. (c) Comprises families where both spouses were not in the labour force or where one spouse was employed and the other was not in the labour force. (d) Includes 8,000 families with an unemployed female head.

TABLE 31. FAMILIES WITH SOME UNEMPLOYMENT(a) : TYPE OF FAMILY, NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED, JUNE 1981
(' 000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities				Other areas				Total			
	Number employed in family				Number employed in family				Number employed in family			
	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total	None	1	2 or more	Total
ONE FAMILY MEMBER UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	25.4	49.9	45.1	120.4	17.5	29.3	21.6	68.4	42.9	79.2	66.7	188.9
With dependent children present	15.2	34.1	27.8	77.1	12.4	20.0	14.2	46.6	27.6	54.0	42.1	123.7
Without dependent children present	10.2	15.8	17.3	43.3	5.1	9.3	7.4	21.9	15.4	25.2	24.7	65.2
Other families with a male head	*	4.2	*	7.2	*	*	*	*	3.6	5.5	*	9.8
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	4.3	*	*	*	*	*	3.7	*	5.9
Other families with a female head	14.5	7.3	3.4	25.3	7.4	*	*	11.1	21.9	9.5	5.0	36.4
With dependent children present	8.4	*	*	12.9	4.6	*	*	5.8	13.0	3.4	*	18.6
Without dependent children present	6.2	4.6	*	12.4	*	*	*	5.4	8.9	6.1	*	17.8
<i>All families</i>	42.6	61.5	48.9	152.9	25.9	32.7	23.5	82.2	68.5	94.2	72.4	235.1
With dependent children present	25.0	38.3	29.6	92.9	17.7	20.9	14.7	53.3	42.7	59.3	44.3	146.2
Without dependent children present	17.6	23.2	19.3	60.0	8.2	11.8	8.9	28.9	25.8	35.0	28.2	88.9
TWO OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS UNEMPLOYED												
Married couple families	5.4	*	*	10.7	5.0	*	*	7.8	10.4	4.2	3.9	18.4
With dependent children present	3.8	*	*	7.1	3.7	*	*	5.8	7.4	*	*	12.9
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	3.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.5
<i>All families</i>	7.0	3.2	*	13.1	6.3	*	*	9.9	13.4	5.3	4.4	23.0
With dependent children present	4.3	*	*	8.1	4.3	*	*	6.8	8.6	3.4	*	14.9
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	5.0	*	*	*	3.1	4.8	*	*	8.1
TOTAL												
Married couple families	30.8	52.6	47.7	131.1	22.5	30.8	22.9	76.2	53.3	83.4	70.6	207.3
With dependent children present	18.9	35.7	29.6	84.2	16.0	21.1	15.2	52.4	35.0	56.8	44.8	136.6
Without dependent children present	11.9	16.9	18.1	46.9	6.4	9.7	7.7	23.8	18.3	26.6	25.8	70.7
Other families with a male head	3.0	4.2	*	7.5	*	*	*	3.0	4.1	5.5	*	10.5
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	4.4	*	*	*	*	*	3.7	*	6.4
Other families with a female head	15.8	7.8	3.8	27.4	8.6	*	*	12.9	24.4	10.5	5.4	40.3
With dependent children present	8.7	3.1	*	13.7	5.3	*	*	6.7	14.0	4.0	*	20.4
Without dependent children present	7.1	4.7	*	13.7	3.3	*	*	6.2	10.4	6.5	3.0	19.9
<i>All families</i>	49.6	64.6	51.8	166.0	32.3	34.8	25.0	92.1	81.8	99.5	76.8	258.1
With dependent children present	29.3	40.3	31.5	101.0	22.0	22.4	15.7	60.1	51.3	62.7	47.2	161.1
Without dependent children present	20.3	24.4	20.3	65.0	10.2	12.4	9.3	32.0	30.6	36.8	29.7	97.0

(a) See note (a) to Table 29.

TABLE 32. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED(a) : NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS EMPLOYED, JUNE 1981
(* 000 families)

Type of family	State capital cities			Other areas			Total		
	Number employed in family			Number employed in family			Number employed in family		
	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total	None	1 or more	Total
Married couple families with husband unemployed	26.4	15.2	41.6	19.1	5.0	24.0	45.5	20.1	65.6
With dependent children present	16.9	8.8	25.7	14.3	*	16.9	31.2	11.4	42.6
Without dependent children present	9.6	6.3	15.9	4.8	*	7.1	14.3	8.7	23.0
Other families with head unemployed	8.6	*	11.1	3.7	*	5.2	12.3	4.0	16.3
Female head unemployed	6.4	*	8.0	*	*	4.0	9.3	*	12.0
With dependent children present	7.1	*	7.5	3.4	*	3.6	10.5	*	11.1
All families	35.0	17.7	52.7	22.8	6.4	29.2	57.8	24.1	81.9
With dependent children present	24.0	9.3	33.2	17.7	*	20.5	41.7	12.0	53.7
Without dependent children present	11.1	8.4	19.5	5.1	3.7	8.8	16.2	12.1	28.2

(a) Excludes a small number of families where either the husband or wife was out of scope of the survey. Includes families with persons stood down without pay for less than four weeks (see paragraph 7 of the Explanatory notes).

TABLE 33. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER FAMILIES WITH HEAD UNEMPLOYED(a) : DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND OR HEAD, JUNE 1981
(* 000 families)

Type of family	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband or head (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over	
Married couple families with husband unemployed	12.2	6.3	7.8	10.8	10.4	18.1	65.6
With dependent children present	8.5	3.9	5.8	5.9	6.6	11.9	42.6
Without dependent children present	3.8	*	*	4.9	3.8	6.2	23.0
Other families with head unemployed	*	*	*	*	3.4	5.5	16.3
Male head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.3
Female head unemployed	*	*	*	*	*	3.9	12.0
With dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	3.0	11.0
Without dependent children present	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.3
All families	14.8	7.6	8.5	13.6	13.8	23.6	81.9
With dependent children present	10.3	4.9	6.5	8.2	8.9	14.9	53.7
Without dependent children present	4.5	*	*	5.4	5.0	8.7	28.2

(a) See note(a) to Table 32.

TABLE 34. MARRIED COUPLE FAMILIES WITH HUSBAND UNEMPLOYED: EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE AND DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF HUSBAND (a), JUNE 1981
(* 000 families)

Employment status of wife	Duration of current period of unemployment of husband (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over	
Employed	4.6	*	3.4		*	*	12.9
Unemployed	*	*	3.4		*	*	7.9
Not in the labour force	6.6	3.6	5.7	6.2	8.3	14.5	44.8
Total	12.2	6.3	7.8	10.8	10.4	18.1	65.6

(a) See note(a) to Table 32.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

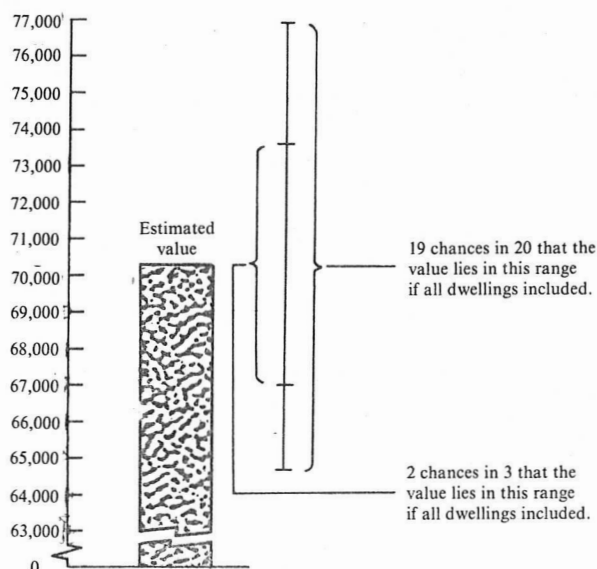
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 1 on page 7 shows the estimated number of persons in Australia who have been looking for work for one year or longer is 70,300. Since this estimate is between 50,000 and 100,000, the standard error for Australia will be between 2,900 and 3,900 in the standard error table and can be approximated as 3,300 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 67,000 to 73,600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 64,700 to 76,900. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

$$RSE (x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE (x)]^2 + [RSE (y)]^2}$$

7. Considering the example from paragraph 4 above, the 70,300 persons represent 20.5 per cent of the 342,400 persons who are looking for work. The standard error of 342,400 is approximately 6,250 so the relative standard error is 1.8 per cent. The relative standard error for 70,300 is 4.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(4.7)^2 + (1.8)^2}$ or 4.3 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (20.5 per cent) of 0.9 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of persons looking for work who had been doing so for one year or longer is between 19.6 per cent and 21.4 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty the proportion is within the range 18.7 per cent to 22.3 per cent.

8. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE (x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub-populations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

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